

Shirley Litch, 79

Shirley Litch, 79, died Sunday, March 1, 2009 at Wheatcrest Hills, Britton.

Her funeral will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at the United Methodist Church, Britton, with Rev. Kris Mutzenberger officiating. Spring burial will be in the Highland Cemetery, rural Langford. Visitation was Tuesday at the Price funeral Chapel, Britton.

Shirley Ione Moore was born March 21, 1929 at Britton, SD, to Benjamin Leo and Esther Elizabeth (Schussler) Moore. As a youngster, she grew up and attended school in the Kidder, SD area, and graduated from Kidder High School.

She was married June 5, 1947 to Donald Ralph Litch at Kidder. They farmed in the Kidder area until 1950, when they moved to Britton. In 1959, they built the Sunset Motel on the west edge of Britton. They operated the motel until 1973, when they took up farming in the Langford area. They remained there until retiring in 1987. At that time, Shirley and Don enjoyed a summer residence at Clear Lake, and spent winters in Noel, Mo. Don died April 13, 1999 and Shirley continued to live in Noel, until returning to Britton in October of 2006, residing at Wheatcrest Hills.

Shirley was a member of the Britton United Methodist Church and had been active in the United Methodist Women. She also was active in the United Methodist Church while living in Noel, Mo. Shirley had a keen interest and talent for many kinds of crafts. One of her specialties was the over-sized Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. Shirley was truly a "people-person" and was happiest when she was visiting with someone. Her years in the motel business taught her that there was no such thing as a stranger if you would take the time to talk to others.

Shirley is survived by her three sons, Dean Litch, Noel, Mo.; Bud (Norma Jean) Litch, Maple Lake, Minn.; Reed (Cindy) Litch, Groton, SD; three grandchildren, Jessica Jean (Brad) Conley, Brian Reed (Becky) Litch and Donald Clifford Litch; one great granddaughter, Paige Conley; two sisters, Phyllis (Ted) Mundt, Britton, and Medrith McTeer, Belleville, Ill.; one brother, Mahlon (June) Moore, Coon Rapids, Minn.; and one sister-in-law, Judy Moore, Statesboro, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one brother, Wayne Moore.

